

## A Good Time to buy a Good Timepiece

I have just received a lot of new Watches which are worth your seeing—probably the most interesting assortment that ever came to our store. I never saw handsomer styles and as I bought them at a discount, or cash, I mean to sell them at pleasing prices. If you need a Watch I can fit your taste and your purse, right now. Come in and talk it over.

**B. C. HOUGH,**  
Jeweler and Stationer.

### India Rich in Cotton.

W. E. Curtis in Chicago Record-Herald.

Bombay, Feb. 2.—The docks of Bombay are the finest in Asia, and when the extensions now in progress are carried out few cities in Europe can surpass them. They are planned for a century in advance. The people of Bombay are not boastful, but they are confident of the growth of their city and its commerce.

Attached to the docks is a story of integrity and fidelity worth telling. In 1735 the municipal authorities of the young city anticipating commercial prosperity, decided to improve their harbor and build piers for the accommodation of vessels, but nobody around the place had experience in such matters, and a commission was sent off to other cities of India to find a man to take charge. The commission was very much pleased with the appearance and ability of Lowji Naushirwanji, the Parsee foreman of the harbor at the neighboring town of Surat, and tried to coax him away by making a very lucrative offer, in advance of the pay he was then receiving. He was too loyal and honest to accept it, and read the commission a lecture on business integrity which greatly impressed them. When they returned to Bombay and related their experience, the municipal authorities communicated with those of Surat and inclosed an invitation to Naushirwanji to come down and build a dock for Bombay. The offer was so advantageous that his employers advised him to accept it. He did so, and from that day to this a man of his name, and one of his descendants, has been superintendent of the docks of this city. The office has practically become hereditary in the family.

The largest export from Bombay is cotton. Next to the United States, India is the largest cotton producing country of the world, and, with the exception of Galveston and New Orleans, the Bombay claim to have the largest cotton market in the world. The shipments have never reached \$50,000,000 a year, but have got very near that point.

Every large state in southern India produces cotton, but Bombay and Berar are the principal producers. The area for the whole of India in 1902-3 was 14,250,000 acres, but this has been often exceeded. In 1893-4 the area planted was nearly 15,000,000. The average is about 14,000,000 acres. Cotton is usually grown in conjunction with some other crop, and in certain portions of India two crops a year are grown on the same soil.

### The Name Witch Hazel.

The name Witch Hazel is much abused. E. C. DeWitt & Co., Chicago, are the inventors of the original and only genuine Witch Hazel Salve. A certain cure for Cuts, Burns, Bruises, Eczema, Tetter, Piles, etc. There are many counterfeits of this salve, some of which are dangerous, while they are all worthless. In buying Witch Hazel Salve see that the name E. C. DeWitt & Co., Chicago, is on the box and a cure is certain. Sold by Crawford Bros.

### ORIGIN OF FIRES.

All Fires to be Investigated by Fire Chiefs or Other Officers—A Record to be Kept.

Comptroller General Jones is preparing to enforce the fire insurance bill and is now preparing the necessary blanks for one. The law requires that this report be made out for every fire, and promptly forwarded to the comptroller general at Columbia, and an additional report made of each investigation, where incendiaryism is suspected. Where a fire occurs within an incorporated city or town, the chief of fire department or police, or where there is no chief fire departments or chief of police, must make the investigation and report, and where outside of an incorporated city or town it must be done by the sheriff of the county.

The blanks used require the date of the fire, its location, owner of property, occupants, origin, amount of insurance, whether covered by mortgage or not, etc.

The law also requires that investigation be begun within three days not including the Lord's day, of occurrence of such fire and the comptroller general or his deputy shall have the right to supervise and direct such investigation whenever he deems it expedient or necessary.

The officer making investigation shall further notify said comptroller general or his deputy, and shall within one week of the occurrence of fire furnish to the said comptroller general or his deputy a written statement of all the facts to the cause and origin of the fire, value and ownership of the property destroyed and such other information as may be called for by the blanks provided by the said comptroller general. The comptroller general shall keep in his office statistics and circumstances, including the origin of the fire which may be determined by the investigation, provided for by the act. Such record shall at all times be open to public inspection. Any officer who neglects or refuses to comply with any of the requirements of this act, shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$100.00.

The comptroller is also sending out blank reports for the 700 insurance companies doing business in this state.—Columbia Record.

A free bottle of Dr. Thacher's Liver and Blood Syrup will be sent to any reader of this paper who will write to the Thacher Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

### Russians Leave Their Country.

New York, March 11.—Of the 2,065 steerage passengers brought here by the steamship Graf Waldersee and landed at Ellis island today fully one thousand and eight hundred are Russians, many of them it is said, being refugees who fled to escape possible army service against Japan. An imperial edict issued several weeks ago suspended the issuing of passports to any male between the ages of 14 and 45, the prescribed period for army service, the result being, according to some of those on the Graf Waldersee, a large exodus from all villages within reach of the frontier. Every possible ruse, it is said, is being resorted to in order to get across the frontier and escape to this country.

**CASTORIA.**  
The Kid You Have Always Bought  
Bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Ayer*

### THE SMOOT CASE.

Admissions of Mormon President Were Damaging to Defense.

Washington, March 8.—After five days' examination and cross examination on the witness stand, President Joseph Smith, the head of the Mormon church, has at last concluded his testimony in the Smoot case.

He was the first witness called by the senate committee on privileges, and he has been an interesting one from the standpoint of the devout Mormon. President Smith's testimony as to the beliefs and practices of the church has been missionary work of a high order, and calculated to spread before the world in the most public way the tenets of the faith.

But it has been demonstrated that the head of the Mormon church can make revelations, as well as derive them, and some of those he has given the committee have not been of a character to help Reed Smoot in his fight to hold his seat in the senate.

Smith's admission that he and his associates have been cohabiting with plural wives since the law of 1890, which made such actions unlawful, makes the majority of Smoot's immediate associates in the church criminals.

Smith also testified that Smoot, before he became a candidate for the senate, had to get the consent of these "criminals." This is taken by the prosecution to indicate that the politics of Utah is under the Mormon church to a great extent.

### MRS. KENNEDY'S EVIDENCE.

The committee yesterday afternoon heard the testimony of Mrs. Clara Mabel Kennedy. She made several statements which, if substantiated, will prove as important as the statements of President Joseph Smith that he and other officials of the Mormon church have been practicing polygamy in violation of the law.

Mrs. Kennedy said she was 27 years old and was a native of Albany, N. Y. With her parents who were Mormons, she went to Utah when she was 2 years old. At the age of 17 years, Mrs. Kennedy said, she was married to James Francis Johnson, who already had one wife. Mrs. Kennedy said she had a brief interview with the original Mrs. Johnson shortly before the marriage, and the first wife gave her consent.

The marriage ceremony, Mrs. Kennedy said, was performed at Jaurez, Mexico, by Brigham Young. She lived with Johnson about five years, bearing him two children. About a year after separating from Johnson, she married a Mr. Kennedy, who is an Episcopalian, although Mrs. Kennedy is still a Mormon. Asked why she had separated from Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Kennedy said she was not treated right. Mrs. Kennedy said she had received no form of marriage certificate. She did not know whether or not her first husband was living.

If it's a bilious attack, take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and a quick recovery is certain. For sale by J. F. Mackey & Co., druggists.

### PORT ARTHUR

Got Its Name From a Young Officer of British Navy.

Asheville Gazette News.

The greatest stronghold in the far east, originally a Chinese port, afterwards captured by Japan, withheld from her by the powers and finally seized by Russia, bears an English name, and thereby hangs a tale. The port was originally Lu Shun Kow, and was up till 1860, a refuge of pirates, from which they sallied forth to harass the Chinese coast. In that year Lieutenant William Arthur, of the British navy, in command of the Algerine, did what was considered a risky thing. He ran his vessel into the channel, then unknown to and unappreciated by modern navigation. He found the harbor to be one of the finest in the east, and made a chart of it which came into universal use. China, with the aid of French engineers, eventually built a great fortress there, which was considered impregnable, but which the Japanese captured in 1892. But ever since 1860, Lu Shun Kow has borne the name of the young English naval officer who first navigated and charted its harbors, and we know it today as Port Arthur.

Women find quick relief in Dr. Thacher's Liver and Blood Syrup.

### DO ONE OR THE OTHER.

If the concern where you are employed is all wrong, and the Old Man a curmudgeon, it may be well for you to go to the Old Man and confidentially, quietly and kindly tell him that he is a curmudgeon. Explain to him that his policy is absurd and preposterous. Then show him how to reform his ways, and you might offer to take charge of the concern and cleanse it of all its secret faults.

Do this, or if for any reason you should prefer not, then take your choice of these: Get out or get in line. You have to do one or the other—now make your choice.

If you work for a man, in heaven's name work for him!

If he pays you wages that supply you your bread and butter, work for him—speak well of him, think well of him, stand by him, and stand by the institution he represents.

I think if I worked for a man I would work for him. I would not work for him a part of the time, and then the rest of the time against him. I would give an undivided service or none.

If put to the pinch, an ounce of loyalty is worth a pound of cleverness.

If you must vilify, condemn and eternally disparage, why, resign your position, and when you are outside, damn to your heart's content. But, I pray you, so long as you are a part of an institution, do not condemn it. Not that you will injure the institution—not that—but when you disparage the concern of which you are a part, you disparage yourself.—Elbert Hubbard, in the Cosmopolitan.

The family medicine in thousands of homes for 52 years—Dr. Thacher's Liver and Blood Syrup.

### Women as Well as Men Are Made Miserable by Kidney and Bladder Trouble.

Kidney trouble preys upon the mind, discourages and lessens ambition; beauty, vigor and cheerfulness soon disappear when the kidneys are out of order or diseased.

Kidney trouble has become so prevalent that it is not uncommon for a child to be born afflicted with weak kidneys. If the child urinates too often, if the urine scalds the flesh, or if, when the child reaches an age when it should be able to control the passage, it is yet afflicted with bed-wetting, depend upon it, the cause of the difficulty is kidney trouble, and the first step should be towards the treatment of these important organs. This unpleasant trouble is due to a diseased condition of the kidneys and bladder and not to a habit as most people suppose.

Women as well as men are made miserable with kidney and bladder trouble, and both need the same great remedy. The mild and the immediate effect of **Swamp-Root** is soon realized. It is sold by druggists, in fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles. You may have a sample bottle by mail free, also a **Home of Swamp-Root** pamphlet telling all about Swamp-Root, including many of the thousands of testimonial letters received from sufferers cured. In writing Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., be sure and mention this paper. Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.

### LANCASTER & CHESTER RAILWAY COMPANY

SCHEDULE IN EFFECT NOV. 29, 1903. DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.

WESTBOUND	
Lv Lancaster	7:15 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
Lv Port Lawn	7:34 a.m. 5:30 p.m.
Lv Bascomville	7:44 a.m. 5:45 p.m.
Lv Richburg	7:51 a.m. 6:00 p.m.
Ar Chester	8:15 a.m. 6:30 p.m.
Ar Charlotte—Sou. Ry.	9:55 a.m. 8:00 p.m.
Ar Columbia—Sou. Ry.	11:00 a.m. 1:15 a.m.
Ar Atlanta—S.A.L. Ry.	4:50 p.m.
Ar Yorkville—C. & N.W. Ry.	9:35 a.m.
Ar Gastonia	10:30 a.m.
Ar Lenoir	2:05 p.m.

EASTBOUND	
Lv Lenoir—C. & N.W. Ry.	2:30 p.m.
Lv Gastonia	5:30 p.m.
Lv Yorkville	6:25 p.m.
Lv Atlanta—S.A.L. Ry.	1:00 p.m.
Lv Columbia—Sou. Ry.	6:10 a.m. 6:35 p.m.
Lv Charlotte—Sou. Ry.	8:40 a.m. 8:55 p.m.
Lv Chester	10:00 a.m. 8:25 p.m.
Lv Richburg	10:45 a.m. 8:40 p.m.
Lv Bascomville	11:00 a.m. 8:55 p.m.
Lv Port Lawn	11:16 a.m. 9:05 p.m.
Ar Lancaster	11:45 a.m. 9:25 p.m.

CONNECTIONS  
CHESTER—Southern, Seaboard, and Carolina & North-Western Railways.  
LANCASTER—Southern Railway.  
A. P. McLURE, Superintendent.  
LEROY SPRINGS, President.

### SISTERS! READ MY Free Offer

THE COUPON below filled out with your address, and sent with a two-cent stamp, to Mrs. M. A. Hilton, Kershaw, S. C., within the next thirty days, entitles you to a package containing a Home Treatment discovered by Mrs. M. Summers, Notre Dame, Ind., which cures leucorrhoea, ulceration, displacement, falling of the womb, menstrual disorders, hot flashes, tumors, growths, and all female troubles. The free package contains ten days treatment, and if you wish to continue, it will cost you about twelve cents a week to guarantee a cure. Fill out the spaces below, send to Mrs. Hilton, and you will receive the free treatment by return mail.

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Entertainment—that is, pleasure to your guests—does not depend on the money you spend, but on your own knowledge of how to receive an extend hospitality. Christine Terhune Herriek tells you all about it. Post-paid, 50 cents. E. J. CLODE, Publisher, 156 Fifth Ave., N. Y.

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Notice is hereby given that the County Board of Commissioners will not approve or pay any claim against the county for work, such as repairing roads or ground bridges, unless the same shall have been authorized by, or a contract made with some member of the Board.  
L. J. Perry,  
County Supervisor.  
W. B. Bruce, Clerk.

**Early Risers**  
The famous little pills.